



LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

The University

In centuries gone by, "liberty" was just a concept - an idea feared by tyrants and dreamed of by the opposed. In more recent history, "liberty" - became a cause. A deeply held belief worth fighting and dying for. Today, Liberty University has become a place where students call home ... where people dare to dream big dreams and then work to see those dreams come to pass ... where old-fashioned values and morality still survive and thrive in a world that appears to have forgotten the meaning of the words ... where the undeniable Truth of the Ages still reigns supreme ... where the whole person is educated - body, mind and soul ... a place where you can learn, grow and achieve wholeness as you become all God created you to be.

The Mission

To produce Christ-centered men and women with the values, knowledge and skills required to impact tomorrow's world ... the mission is carried out for resident students, through both undergraduate and graduate programs, through a rigorous academic program and structured social environment ... also, it is carried out externally for students that can't make the trek to the campus in a comparable academic program but without the structure of the resident community through the distance learning program.

A Brief History

Behind the dreams of co-founders, Liberty Chancellor, Dr. Jerry Falwell and Dr. Elmer Towns, and President Emeritus, Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin, Lynchburg Baptist College opened its doors to 154 students in the fall of 1971 ... by 1975, the enrollment reached 1,569 students and 80 faculty members were on staff ... the school's name changed to Liberty Baptist College ... in 1980, Liberty received regional accreditation by the Southern Association of College and Schools ... graduate programs in education and religion were accredited in 1984 ... on May 6, 1985, the Board of Trustees agreed to rename Liberty Baptist College and the name Liberty University was established ... the student enrollment reached over 6,000 ... in 1989, the Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch newspaper labeled Liberty as "the fastest growing college in the state of Virginia" ... in the spring of 1997, the Board of Trustees appointed Dr. John M. Borek, Jr., as the University's second president ... in the spring of 1998, the University received its 10-year reaffirmation of accreditation with the Southern Association of College and Schools and the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools ...

on March 24, 2004, the University promoted Brig. General David L. Young to the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer who is currently charged with leading the ever-growing University into the future.

Location

Liberty's campus is located in Lynchburg, the heart of Virginia on the south banks of the historic James River with the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains as a back drop ... the city is over 200 years old and is noted for its culture, beauty and educational institutions ... roughly 64,000 citizens call Lynchburg their home, while a population of 203,000 indwell the greater outlining countries around the "Hill City" ... founded in 1786, Lynchburg is one of the oldest cities in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Students

Liberty's 2004-05 on-campus enrollment was 7,728, including students from all 50 states and 72 different countries ... taking into account the University's distance program, Liberty's enrollment at the end of the 2004-05 academic year was 17,822.



The Faculty

The faculty provides much of the pulsating energy that drives campus life ... when surveyed, students consistently rank the quality of our faculty as one of the great strengths of our institution ... why? ... because these men and women combine professional expertise and a commitment to the truth of

God's Word with a genuine compassion for students ... unlike most large universities, even our freshmen-level courses are taught by full-fledged faculty members - not graduate assistants ... currently, the University has over 443 fulltime and adjunct professors, with 68 percent holding terminal degrees.

Degree Programs

In higher education, the principal means of ensuring quality is accreditation by a recognized accrediting body or agency. Liberty University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and nationally accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS). Additionally, a number of specific programs are approved by accrediting and licensing bodies for specific disciplines (i.e. our Nursing, Sport Management, and Education programs). SACS and TRACS, in turn, are both recognized accrediting bodies by the United States Department of Education.

Undergraduate (Residential)

Accounting, B.S.
Athletic Training, B.S.
Aviation, B.S.
Biology, B.S.
Business, B.S.
Communication Studies, B.S.
Computer Science, B.S.
English, B.A.
Exercise Science/Fitness Programming, B.S.
Family and Child Development, B.S.
Family and Consumer Sciences, B.S.
General Studies, B.S.
Government, B.S.
Health Promotion, B.S.
History, B.S., B.A.
Interdisciplinary Studies, B.S.
Interiors and Fashion Merchandising, B.S.
Management Information Systems, B.S.
Mathematics, B.S.
Music, B.M.
Nursing, B.S.N.
Philosophy and Religion, B.A.
Physical Education, B.S.
Psychology, B.S.
Religion, A.A., B.S., B.A.
Social Science, B.S.
Spanish, B.A.
Sport Management, B.S.
Teaching English as a Second Language, B.A.
Worship and Music Ministry, B.S.



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Undergraduate (Distance Learning)

Business, B.S.
Multidisciplinary Studies, B.S.
Psychology, B.S.
Religion, A.A, B.S.
Nursing, B.S. (R.N. to B.S.N.)

Graduate (Residential)

Doctor of Education, Ed.D.
Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D.
Education Specialist, Ed.S.
Master of Arts in Communication Studies, M.A.
Master of Arts in Human Relations, M.A.
Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy, M.A.
Master of Arts in Professional Counseling, M.A.
Master of Arts in Religious Studies, M.A.
Master of Education, Ed.M.
Master of Science in Nursing, M.S.

Graduate (Distance Learning)

Business, M.B.A.

School of Law

Seminary

Doctor of Ministry, D.Min.
Master of Arts in Religion, M.A.R.
Master of Arts in Theology, Th.M.
Master of Divinity, M.Div.
Master of Religious Education, M.R.E.

Alumni

Over 29,000 alumni are scattered worldwide in many different locations ... over 2,000 are senior pastors of North American churches and hundreds more are associate pastors, youth ministers and involved in Christian education ... nearly 800 graduates are missionaries ... the rest are attorneys, physicians, scientists, businesspersons, politicians, educators, artists, professional athletes, writers, actuaries, musicians -- and most importantly -- godly parents and church laymen.

Integrated Learning Resource Center

Liberty University's Integrated Learning Resource Center - known as the ILRC - combines in a single organization the resources of

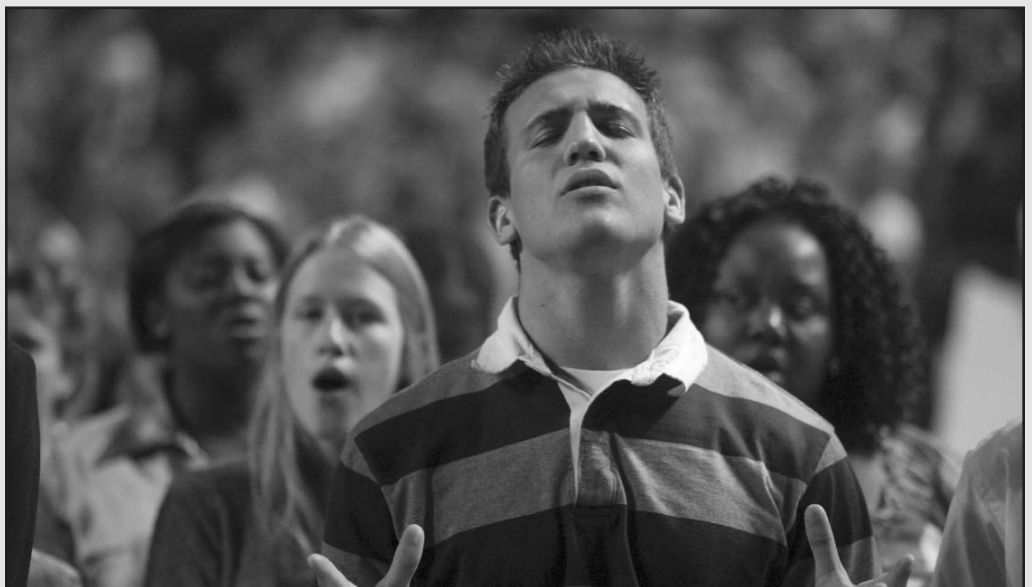
three units that are vital to the academic success of faculty and students: the A. Pierre Guillermin Library, the Computer Labs, and the Media Services Department ... the library provides a wide range of materials and services, employs a group of well-qualified personnel consisting of professional librarians and trained support staff, and maintains membership in local, state, regional, and national library cooperative ventures ... the library collection has holdings of approximately 300,000 volumes, over 9,000 unique print and electronic periodical titles, and over 200 electronic indexes/databases ... access to the electronic materials is available worldwide to Liberty students and faculty via the Internet. Materials from libraries across the United States can also be obtained through interlibrary loan services ... Distance Learning Program (DLP) students have direct toll-free telephone and email access to library personnel. DLP library services include computer research, document delivery, and book delivery ... the Curriculum Library provides Education students with a variety of materials geared toward children and young adults, as well as materials for lesson preparation ... in addition, the Curriculum Library offers access to a variety of other materials such as records, compact discs, cassettes, videotapes, DVD's, and music scores, and provides listening and viewing stations ... attendance at an orientation session covering basic research skills and introducing library services is required of all freshmen ... additional training in the use of library resources is available for students and faculty upon request via liaison librarians ... the ILRC Computer Labs consist of 9 classrooms and a large open lab containing more than 350 student-accessible machines ... during the summer, the labs are home to special training opportunities for faculty, staff and the surrounding community ... all of the machines in the ILRC are connected to the Internet via a high-speed connection and are pre-loaded with a variety of software titles available for student use, including Microsoft Office XP, Adobe Photoshop, Microsoft Visual Studio, QuarkXpress, and SPSS.

Spiritual Life

Liberty University remains unwavering in its commitment to support the spiritual development of its students ... the Spiritual Life Department is comprised of the Campus Pastor's Office, Campus Outreach Ministries Service and Light Ministries ... the Campus Pastor's Office oversees the spiritual programs on campus such as campus church, discipleship, three weekly convocations and numerous other events that promote a more intimate walk with Jesus Christ ... COMS Ministry is a ministry designed to be an outreach of the Campus Pastor's Office to the students ... the purpose is to reach out to students and encourage those who are experiencing hardship in their lives, whether it be from suffering the loss of a loved one, or walking through their own personal illness or injury ... contacts are made through phone calls and personal letters to students in an attempt to let them know they are not alone as they journey down the road of adversity ... Light Ministries is the facilitator of the student missions outreach at Liberty ... Light Ministries have traveled all over the world ... In the past 19 years, Light has conducted more than 100 international evangelistic campaigns involving more than 3000 students ministering to over 2 million people all over the world ... small group Bible studies and prayer groups provide accountability and opportunities for personal spiritual growth and are led by Prayer Leaders as each floor of a dormitory has several Prayer Leaders that influence small groups of students through the ministry of prayer ... Spiritual Life Directors (SLDs) are an extension of the ministry of the Campus Pastor's Office ... SLDs help administrate the spiritual programs that will lead to the spiritual development of the students on their hall ... the SLDs work hands on with Prayer Leaders to mentor and equip them for ministry.

Dorm And Campus Life

Our unique alcohol and drug-free environment encourages the students to enjoy college life without the pressure found on many campuses to lower your moral standards ... dormitories are managed by the Residence Life Office (RLO) ... the RLO



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provides a quality Christ-centered living environment by offering adequate processes for housing assignments and room changes for our resident students, by offering students a variety of living spaces, by managing the residence halls to provide clean, safe, climate-controlled rooms with quality furnishings and technological access and by coordinating housing for overnight visitors who visit the residence halls ... the RLO provides a quality Christ-centered learning environment by selecting Resident Assistants and professional staff according to our selection criteria, by training the Resident Assistants and professional staff to fulfill the responsibilities of our positions, by encouraging the holistic development of the resident student through our people and platforms and by promoting Christian community among the resident students through our people and platforms ... on-campus resident students make a "home away from home" in one of our 52 dormitories ... men and women live in separate residence halls ... each room is air-conditioned and houses 2-3 students ... each dormitory floor takes on its own personality and flavor as the year progresses ... the dormitory will not only become a place to live, but a place where lasting friendships are formed through fellowship and encouragement ... a modern and well-equipped cafeteria features food service provided by Sodexo, while numerous cafes and stores are located throughout the Liberty campus ... students may select from a large delicatessen, salad bar, cereal bar, ice cream bar or one of the buffet-style lines from the Reber Thomas Dining Hall ... the Keyhole Convenience Store and the East Side Market provide students with two unique on-campus shopping opportunities ... six different cafes are located in various positions throughout the 4,400 acre campus and provide a variety of eating experiences.

Culture and Entertainment

Liberty has an outstanding history of bringing notable speakers to our campus ... individuals such as Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush, George W. Bush, Senator Jesse Helms, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and Reverend Billy Graham have delivered inspiring messages to our students ... the school also brings in evangelists, pastors, businessmen and women, political leaders, well-known journalists and others to share their dynamic messages from our podium ... Chancellor Dr. Jerry Falwell also speaks on a regular basis ... numerous concerts featuring the best in contemporary Christian music come to the campus ... NEW-SONG, D.C. Talk, Supertones, 4-Him, Point of Grace, Newsboys, Jars of Clay, Jennifer Knapp and Stephen Curtis Chapman as well as Michael W. Smith, Third Day and many others have shared their powerful testimonies through music at Liberty.

Student Activities Program

Liberty is filled with young men and women who know how to work hard and how to play hard ... Liberty provides its students with various opportunities for recreation including the East Campus Clubhouse, the LaHaye Lounge and the LaHaye Student Center ... the East Campus Clubhouse, located at the entrance to Liberty Campus East dormitories, is a recreational center that offers billiards, Foosball, air hockey, Playstation, Xbox, satellite TV, a theater, computer lounge, the Campus East Market and a pool ... completed in the Fall of 2000, the LaHaye Lounge now serves as a "hot spot" for students to enjoy 50-inch big screen televisions (with satellite), a computer room, and comfortable couches for studying and relaxation ... the newest addition to the Liberty University campus is the LaHaye Student Center, an 84,000 square foot recreation center located in Campus North which includes a lounge, six basketball courts, cardio and weight rooms, a multi-purpose room and an aerobic room ... Liberty's student activities program have been named some of the best in the nation by Campus Activities Today, a leading trade publication for college activities ... the

menu of events include a concert series, 15 different intramural sports, as well as Coffee House, the very popular monthly student talent show ... the school year is kicked off with our annual "Block Party" ... this is a great time to relax and meet new friends or renew old acquaintances before the pressures of the school year begins ... this is a mini-fair type event with carnival games, rock climbing, a Velcro wall, batting cages and even fireworks.

Central Virginia Region

The natural beauty of the Central Virginia region attracts thousands of tourists each year and provides a stunning backdrop for a wide variety of outdoor activities ... River Ridge Mall, home to more than 85 shops, lies less than a mile away from Liberty's campus and Candler's Station, another large shopping center, is easily within walking distance ... a wide range of restaurants and coffee houses can be found in the Lynchburg area ... less than an hour away is Appomattox Court House, the historic site where our nation was reunited, ending the Civil War ... Monument Terrace, located in downtown Lynchburg, is a 139-step staircase which honors veterans from Lynchburg who fought and died for our nation in various wars ... Point of Honor is a beautiful old home built by Patrick Henry's doctor (Dr. George Cabell, Sr.) ... Poplar Forest, Thomas Jefferson's personal retreat is located in nearby, Forest, Va. ... about 30 miles from Lynchburg is the Appalachian Trail ... the Blue Ridge Parkway is ranked as "America's most scenic drive" ... Crab Tree Falls is made up of five separate cascades with hiking trails leading to each ... Natural Bridge, one of the "Seven Natural Wonders of the World" is located in the nearby Shenandoah Valley ... the Peaks of Otter are two of the loftiest peaks in the state of Virginia and are accessible from the Blue Ridge Parkway ... Smith Mountain Lake is located within an hour's driving distance and features 500+ miles of beautiful shoreline on the man-made lake ... Wintergreen is called "the South's single-best ski resort", located less than an hour from Lynchburg, featuring 17 slopes and trails.



Athletic Academic Services

Student-Athletes continue to score high marks in the classroom, as well as, on the playing field because of the efforts of the Liberty University Athletic Academic Services staff.

Spearheading the efforts to improve Liberty student-athletes' academic performance is Kristie Beitz, Liberty's Associate Athletics Director for Academic Services, and her team of academic advisors.

Beitz, who joined the Liberty University Athletic Academic Services staff in July, is assisted by Laurie Gulluscio, who also heads up the CHAMP Life Skills program, Andy Coleman, who over sees academic advising for the football program, and Buck Romero, who oversees the academic advising for both basketball programs.

In 2005-06, 181 student-athletes (44 percent) posted a 3.0 GPA or better in the classroom with 65 student-athletes (16 percent) being named to the school's Dean's List. 65 of these individuals produced a 3.5 GPA or better in the classroom, while eight student-athletes finished with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Among all athletic programs for the 2005-06 academic year, the volleyball team led all women's teams with a 3.425 GPA, while the men's tennis team led all the men's teams with a 3.228 GPA.

Also, accumulating a 3.00 team GPA or higher was the baseball team (3.098), the men's cross country team (3.034), the women's basketball team (3.348), the women's soccer team (3.353), the women's tennis team (3.222), the women's track team (3.297), the women's cross country team (3.425) and the volleyball team (3.146). Overall, student-athletes at Liberty University posted a 2.93 GPA.

The 2004-05 proved to be a banner year for individual academic achievements amongst Liberty University student-athletes as Liberty had four student-athletes named to various CoSIDA Academic All-America teams. Kristen Colson of the volleyball team was the first honoree as she was selected to the second-team squad, while football player Jay Cline and women's basketball player Kristal Tharp were also named to the second-teams for their respective sports.

Track and Field athlete Danielle McNaney became just one of three student-athletes in school history to garner first-team honors as she capped off a stellar collegiate career by being named to the team in the spring. In total, Liberty has had 10 student-athletes named to a CoSIDA Academic All-America team which is the highest academic honor that a NCAA student-athlete can receive.

Also, Liberty had four different athletes named Big South Scholar Athletes of the Year for the respective sport as Kristen Colson (Volleyball), Jonathan Dickenson (Men's Golf), Evan Falat (Men's Cross Country) and Danielle McNaney (Indoor Track and Field and Outdoor Track and Field).

A key component of the academic support system is the monitoring of the student's progress throughout the semester. Each team has an academic liaison that works directly with the athletic academic services staff and the student-athletes. The liaisons are responsible for helping the student-athletes to excel in the classroom.

The academic monitoring of the student-athlete is handled through the use of progress reports as the faculty fill out grade reports online, which allows the

Athletic Academic Services staff to create a database that monitors the student-athletes performance and identifies at-risk students.

There are five main areas that Liberty's Athletic Academic Services staff oversees in order to guarantee that the student-athletes are aware of every phase for academic support. These five areas are time management, study skills, degree planning, course selection and tutoring.

Each student-athlete has the opportunity for priority registration each semester. This provides the student-athlete with a chance to select classes that best suite their athletic and academic schedules. It is also the student-athletes' responsibility to inform the professor of the fact that he or she is part of an athletic team and make arrangements to complete any missed assignments or tests in a timely fashion when missing a class to travel or athletic competition.

Tutoring services are offered to student-athletes in all subjects such as English, math, accounting, psychology, business and biology. During the 2004-05 school year, almost 30 different tutors were hired to cover the individual needs of Liberty's student-athletes.

Study hall is designed for any student-athletes that may need a specified time during the week for study purposes. All student-athletes that have under a 2.5 GPA are required to attend study hall. Study hall is located in the quiet rooms of the Arthur S. DeMoss Learning Center three times a week in a central location near the library and the Integrated Learning Resource Center (ILRC).

Liberty's NCAA Division I CoSIDA Academic All-Americans

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Jason Benham
Third-Team
(Baseball)
1998



Jay Cline
Second-Team
(Football)
2005



Kristin Colson
Second-Team
(Volleyball)
2005



Holly Deem
Third-Team
(Track)
1998



Jarrod Everson
First-Team
(Football) 1998
Second-Team
(Football) 1997



Jennifer Hodges
Third-Team
(Women's Soccer)
1999



Danielle McNaney
First-Team
(Track)
2005
Second-Team
(Track)
2004



Heather Sagan
First-Team
(Track/Cross Country)
2002



Kristal Tharp
Second-Team
(Women's Basketball)
2005



Cathy Williams
Third-Team
(Cross Country)
1998

NCAA Rules Compliance

Liberty University's Athletics-Compliance Office monitors and verifies compliance with all NCAA, Big South Conference, and University requirements. The office educates not only the athletics staff, administration and student-athletes, but also University faculty, staff and administration as well as other individuals and entities with athletics interests.

Liberty University is committed and compelled to the principle of institutional control in the operation of its athletics department in a way that is constant within the rules and regulations of the NCAA, Big South Conference and the University. As the University strives for excellence on and off the field of competition, the highest regard for ethical conduct must also be sought. In order for the athletics department to exist, outside participation is required and must be emphasized. Any inappropriate activity outside the rules and regulations of the NCAA could jeopardize student-athletes' eligibility to compete athletically.

Everyone involved inside or outside the University must do his or her part in order to foster an environment that is supportive of the NCAA operating principle of competitive equity. Each person has a role and responsibility, which includes accountability and integrity when it comes to compliance of NCAA rules and regulations. The communication process is a must when it comes to understanding how each person fits within the structure of the NCAA rules and regulations.

If you have any questions regarding NCAA rules and regulations, especially those dealing with prospects and student-athletes, please contact the athletics compliance office. Liberty's athletic programs need your help and support, so please cooperate to ensure the success of Flames' Athletics, on and off the field.

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Athletic Compliance Definitions

Institutional Control

Institutional control over the athletics department and its staff is a critical requirement for NCAA member institutions.

Everyone in the athletics department as well as outside organizations and individuals that have athletics interest must do their part to become educated regarding the NCAA rules and regulations and are responsible for their own personal conduct as well as the department as a whole. If control is not exercised, severe penalties will be enforced upon the University's athletics department.

A lack of institutional control exists when the athletic department and its staff fails to: Maintain compliance with NCAA rules and regulations.

Monitor its athletics program on a daily basis through identifying and reporting any NCAA rules violations by athletic department staff or outside entities with athletics interest.

Educate athletics staff and outside entities with athletics interest about any rule updates, additions and changes to NCAA rules.

Representatives of the Institution's Athletics Interests

A representative of an institution's athletics interest is an individual who is known (or should be known) by members of the institution's executive or athletic administrations to:

Have participated in or to be a member of an organization that promotes the institution's athletics interest.

Have made financial contributions to the

athletic department or to an athletics booster organization of the institution.

Be assisting or have request (by athletic department staff) to assist in the recruitment of prospects.

Be assisting or to have assisted in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes or their families.

Been involved otherwise in the promotion of the institution's athletics program.

ONCE AN INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SUCH A REPRESENTATIVE, THAT PERSON RETAINS THAT IDENTITY INDEFINITELY.

Extra Benefit

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee, or representative of the institution's athletics interest, to provide a student-athlete, a student-athlete's relative or student-athlete's friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA rules and regulations. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes, relative and friends is not a violation of NCAA rules and regulations if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students, their relatives, friends or a particular segment of the student body (e.g. foreign students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletic ability.

Extra benefits include, but are not limited to: Discounts on purchases or services

Loan of money in any amount

Use of personal properties

Providing holiday or birthday gifts

Cash

RECEIPT OF AN EXTRA BENEFIT BY A STUDENT-ATHLETE CAN RESULT IN THE STUDENT-ATHLETE BEING DECLARED INELIGIBLE TO COMPETE.

This page was prepared by the Liberty Athletic Department to assist alumni and friends in complying with NCAA rules and regulations governing the conduct of the Liberty University Athletics Program.

"Five Rules of Athletic Compliance"

Only coaches and athletics department staff members are permitted to be involved in the recruiting process. Alumni, friends and "other representatives of athletics interest" who are not employed by the University are not permitted to contact a prospect (or members of the prospect's family) by letter, telephone or in-person (on or off-campus) for the purpose of soliciting their participation in the athletic program. LU faculty members are permitted to have contact with the prospects, but only while on the campus during unofficial visits or off-campus, in the locale of the institution, when a prospect is on an official visit.

A prospect remains a prospect even after he or she signs a Letter of Intent or financial aid agreement to attend the University. The prospect does not lose his/her prospect status until the start of classes at LU or the beginning of official team practice prior to the start of classes.

The prohibition of contact with a prospect is intended to relate to unavoidable incidental contacts with a prospect by representatives of a member institution's athletics interest. It is understood that such a contact is not pre-

arranged by the athletics representative or an athletics department staff member; is not made for the purpose of recruitment of the prospect; and involves only normal civility. For example, if you meet a high school student or junior college student-athlete, you can talk with them about anything except LU athletics. If you are attending a public function and find yourself talking to the parents of a prospect, you can talk about anything that doesn't relate to the athletics department.

If a student-athlete accepts any benefits or special consideration based on his or her status as an athlete or because of athletic skill, the student-athlete will lose all eligibility for intercollegiate athletic participation. Do not do anything for prospective or enrolled student-athletes without specific authorization from the Liberty Athletics-Compliance Office.

Representatives of athletics interests are reminded that NCAA rules regarding enrolled student-athletes remain in effect throughout the entire year, including summer breaks. When student-athletes complete their final season of eligibility, they must abide by NCAA rules until the end of that academic year and/or until they are no longer receiving athletics financial aid.

Athletic Training



The Liberty University Athletic Training Department, in conjunction with its team physicians, make up the Flames Athletic Training Network, which work toward the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of athletic injuries.

The athletic training staff includes eight full-time certified athletic trainers (ATC), Chris Casola, the program's head athletic trainer, Madeline Bosek, Jesse Cops, Barry Finke, Scott Lawrenson, Aaron Schreiner, Jessica Stephens and Steve Woof. With four functional athletic training rooms, one at each major athletic facility, Liberty University's Athletic Training staff is able to provide optimal

Liberty University currently offers a major in athletic training, and received

CAAHEP accreditation during the spring of 2003 after three years of candidacy. On average there are 15-20 athletic training students in the program. A majority of these graduating seniors go on to successfully complete the national certification exam, while others opt to pursue careers in other related medical fields.

Athletic trainers at Liberty have at their disposal the usage of the 8,000-plus square foot weight room in the Hancock Athletic Center with state-of-the-art equipment to utilize for their rehabilitation of injuries.

Three additional facilities are at the disposal of the athletic training staff as a spacious training room is located in the

field house at the south end of the football stadium, dedicated to the treatment of the football team. There is also a training room located adjacent to the locker rooms in the Vines Center, which is utilized by the men's and women's basketball teams as well as the volleyball team. The final training room is located in the Crowder-Muckel Fieldhouse and is dedicated to the care and treatment of the baseball team. All other student-athletes receive treatment in the Hancock Athletic Center training room on a year-round basis.

A major part of the athletic training medical team includes their team physicians. The student-athletes have the benefit of utilizing Light Medical, the on campus health service provider. There, Richard Lane, M.D. and Gregg Albers, M.D. are available on a daily basis to serve as Team Physicians for all the Liberty athletic teams. If a specialist is needed, Liberty has at its disposal the Orthopedic Center of Central Virginia. There, the student-athletes have the benefit of 17 orthopedic surgeons and two physicians' assistants. Liberty University also utilizes two hospitals along with several physical therapy clinics to provide the best possible medical care to the student-athletes.

The Liberty University Athletic Training staff continues to implement new techniques and ideas to offer the best possible medical attention to its athletes.



Athletic Excellence

The Liberty University Athletics Department is one of just two athletics departments in the history of the Big South Conference to have claimed the title of five-time Big South Sasser Cup champions. Liberty has claimed the title five out of the last nine years, while Coastal Carolina picked up its eighth Sasser Cup championship this past season.

The George F. "Buddy" Sasser Cup, formerly known as the Commissioner's Cup and named for the retired Coastal Carolina Director of Athletics and the former commissioner of the Big South Conference, is awarded to the Big South member institution with the most successful athletic year based on a point system. Liberty and Coastal Carolina have finished in the top two spots in the Sasser Cup rankings for eight out of the last nine years.

During the course of the 2005-06 season, the Flames claimed conference titles in women's basketball, their unprecedented 10th straight, men's cross country, men's indoor track and field, while the women's soccer program became the first Big South school to ever capture a third conference title with its third league championship in the last seven years.

Since becoming an NCAA Division I program in 1988, the Liberty University Athletics Department has raised the bar of success, striving to achieve a higher level of success each year. Each one of Liberty's 18 sports have contributed to the overall success of the athletics department.

Did you know:

- Since joining the Big South Conference in 1991, Liberty has won 69 conference championships, averaging nearly five conference championships per year.
- The Flames claimed four of the league's 17 conference championships during the 2005-06 season, claiming conference titles in women's basketball, men's indoor track and field, men's cross country and women's soccer.
- Liberty leads all Big South institutions with 1,166 all-time all-conference selections, including 84 all-conference honorees during the 2005-06 season.
- In the classroom this past year, Liberty placed 17 different athletes on various Big South all-academic teams, while two student-athletes, Evan Falat (Cross Country) and Arlene Zelinskas (Outdoor Track and Field), garnered Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors.
- Of the 45 Big South Coach of the Year honors awarded to Liberty coaches, Brant Tolsma, head cross country and track and field coach, accounts for 28 of those honors.
- Josh McDougal was named last year's Big South Howard Bagwell Male Student-Athlete of the Year, the conference's top honor, making McDougal the school's second-ever Howard Bagwell award winner as Keith Butler won the honor in 2000.
- Liberty's 17 different athletic teams combined to post a 2.93 GPA during the 2005-06 academic year with nine different teams posting a 3.00 team GPA or higher (baseball, men's cross country, women's cross country, men's tennis, women's tennis, women's track and field, women's basketball, women's soccer, volleyball).
- Last year, 181 student-athletes (44 percent) posted a 3.0 GPA or better in the classroom, with 65 student-athletes (16 percent) being named to the school's Dean's List with a 3.5 GPA or higher. Also, eight different student-athletes finished the academic year with a perfect 4.0 cumulative GPA.
- 164 student-athletes were named to the Big South Presidential Honor Roll, honoring the conference's top student-athletes, both in the classroom and on the athletic field.
- Over the last eight athletic seasons, the Flames have had 10 student-athletes named to a CoSIDA Academic All-America team, the highest academic honor that an NCAA student-athlete can receive.
- During the 2004-05 academic year, Liberty had four student-athletes named to various CoSIDA Academic All-America teams as Jay Cline (Football), Kristin Colson (Volleyball) and Kristal Tharp (Women's Basketball) were second-team honorees, while Danielle McNaney (Women's Track and Field) was named to the first-team squad.
- Danielle McNaney's selection to the CoSIDA Academic All-America first-team track and field team marked Liberty's third-ever first-team Academic All-American as she joined Jarrod Everson's selection in 1999 (football) and Heather Sagan's selection in 2001 (track and field).
- Zach Terrell became the first football player in school history to garner Big South Rookie of the Year and VaSID Rookie of the Year honors by setting a new freshman school record for rushing in a season. Jason Horn and Zach Terrell were selected to the Don Hanson's Weekly Football Gazette All-Southeast Region third team, honoring the best NCAA Division I-AA players in the southeast part of the nation.
- The Flames placed seven members of the football team on the Big South all-conference squads, the program's third-largest group of all-conference selections. On December 2, Liberty University named former Virginia associate head coach
- Danny Rocco the new head football coach, making Rocco the seventh person to hold the title in school history.
- Kendall Nichols finished off a stellar rookie season for the volleyball team as she was named to the Big South All-Freshman squad.
- The Lady Flames volleyball team was the recipient of the Big South's Team Sportsmanship Award, an honor bestowed upon the squad by its fellow conference teams.
- The men's soccer team placed four players on the VaSID all-state second-team squad as Jonathan Burklo, Adrian Bumbut, Kyle Cupid and Osie Telesford were all honored as some of the best players in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Senior men's soccer player Daniel Darnell was one of several student-athletes honored by the Big South Conference as he was given the George A. Christenberry Award for Academic Excellence, an honor that is bestowed upon the single male and female athlete in their sport to finish their careers with the highest cumulative GPA.
- Men's soccer player Osei Telesford was named the Premier Development League Defender of the Year, while also garnering a spot on the 2006 PDL All-League team.
- The women's soccer team became the first women's soccer program in Big South Conference history to win three league championships as Liberty grabbed its third title in the last seven years (also in 2000 and 2001).
- The women's soccer team made its third appearance in a NCAA Tournament, tying the program with volleyball and baseball for the second most NCAA Tournament appearances by a Liberty athletics team.



Josh McDougal

Athletic Excellence



• Women's soccer players Rachel Bendzlowicz and Tanya Payne were named to the VaSID first-team all-state squad, honoring the top Division I women's soccer players in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

• Rachel Bendzlowicz became the third player in school history to be named Big South Tournament MVP, joining the sister tandem of Nancy and Jenny Davis who led Liberty to its first two league titles in 2000 and 2001.

• The Lady Flames women's soccer team was the recipient of the Big South's Team Sportsmanship Award, an honor bestowed upon the squad by its fellow conference teams.

• The men's cross country team captured its first Big South title since the 1999 season and the seventh in the history of the school, making Liberty's men's cross country team the most successful team in the history of the conference.

• Josh McDougal was named Big South Runner of the Year for the second-straight year, while he was joined by Clint Jackson, Jarvis Jelen, Evan Falat and Drew Ponder on the all-conference team.

• Senior Evan Falat was named the Big South Men's Cross Country Scholar-Athlete of the Year, marking the second-straight year the runner was named the league's top student-athlete.

• Head coach Brant Tolsma was named Big South Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year, marking the fifth time in his career that the honor had been bestowed upon Tolsma.

• Josh McDougal took fourth place at the NCAA National Cross Country Championship, earning the sophomore his second-straight All-American cross country season.

• The women's cross country team placed three runners on the Big South all-conference team as Sarah Roberts, Danielle Jordan and Carol Jefferson were all honored by the league, tying for the largest group of all-conference members for Liberty since the 2000 season.

• The Lady Flames women's cross country team was the recipient of the Big South's Team Sportsmanship Award, an honor bestowed upon the squad by its fellow conference teams.

• Men's basketball player Larry Blair was named to the Big South first-team all-conference squad, marking the third-straight year that Blair has been named to the all-conference team.

• Larry Blair became just the second player in school history, along with Peter Aluma, to be named to the VaSID first-team all-state team, honoring the top five Division I players in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

• The women's basketball team captured its 10th-straight Big South Conference title, setting a new conference record for league championships by a single team.

• Women's basketball coach Carey Green was named the VaSID State Coach of the Year, marking the second-straight season that he has been tabbed the best head coach in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

• Freshman Megan Frazee was named to the VaSID all-state second-team squad despite missing most of the second half of the season with an injury.

• Sophomore Roli-Ann Nikagbatse was named the first-ever Big South Conference Women's Basketball Defensive Player of the Year, while Carey Green was honored as the Big South Coach of the Year for the third time.

• The women's basketball team finished the year with the 14th-best team GPA in the nation as the collective group finished the year with a 3.338 team GPA.

• Liberty University named former Flames' wrestling standout Jesse Castro the reinstated program's new head coach, bringing back a four-time NCCAA national champion to direct the program after a 13-year hiatus.

• The men's indoor track and field team captured its ninth-straight Big South Conference title, continuing its string of being the only team in the league to claim the title since the conference recognized the sport as a conference sport.

• Josh McDougal was named the Most Outstanding Male Track Performer at the Big South Indoor Track Championships after claiming victories in the mile and the 3,000 meters.

• Arlene Zelinskas was named the Most Outstanding Female Track Performer at the Big South Indoor Track Championship after claiming victories in the 60 meters and in the pentathlon.

• Josh McDougal added two more All-American honors to his storied Liberty career at the NCAA Indoor Track Championships by finishing fourth in the 5,000 meters and fifth in the 3,000 meters.

• Women's tennis player Jonita Randolph was named to the VaSID all-state academic team, honoring the top student-athletes in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

• Liberty University named former men's tennis player Chris Johnson its new head men's and women's tennis coach, making Johnson the fourth head men's coach and second head women's coach in the history of the program.

• Track and field sprinter Charlene Hibbert was one of several selected student-athletes from around the country to be named to the NCAA Leadership Conference Counsel.

• Arlene Zelinskas was named the Women's Outdoor Track and Field Scholar-Athlete of the Year, while the junior was also named to the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) Women's All-Academic Track and Field Team.

• Josh McDougal won the 5,000 meters at the prestigious Penn Relays on his way to earning Big South Track and Field Athlete of the Year honors.

• Josh McDougal completed the season with his fourth All-American honor of the year and the sixth of his career in the 5,000 meters at the NCAA National Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

• Sophomore Parker McKoy earned Big South all-conference honors as he was Player of the Year runner-up with a second-place finish at the Big South Men's Golf Championship, marking the first Liberty player to make the all-conference team since 2004 and just the 12th in school history.

• For the second time in the history of the program, the men's golf team earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Regionals as they also accomplished the feat in 2003.

• Jessica Moore was named VaSID State Softball Player of the Year as the junior broke her own school record with 21 home runs, becoming the fifth player in school history to garner the top player in the Commonwealth of Virginia honor.

• Softball coach Paul Wetmore was named VaSID State Coach of the Year after leading the team to a school record tying 41 victories, marking the fourth time in his career that he has won the honor, which ties him atop the all-state coaching list.

• The baseball program set a new school record for Division I victories in a season with 39, marking the second-straight year that the program has eclipsed the 30-win plateau.

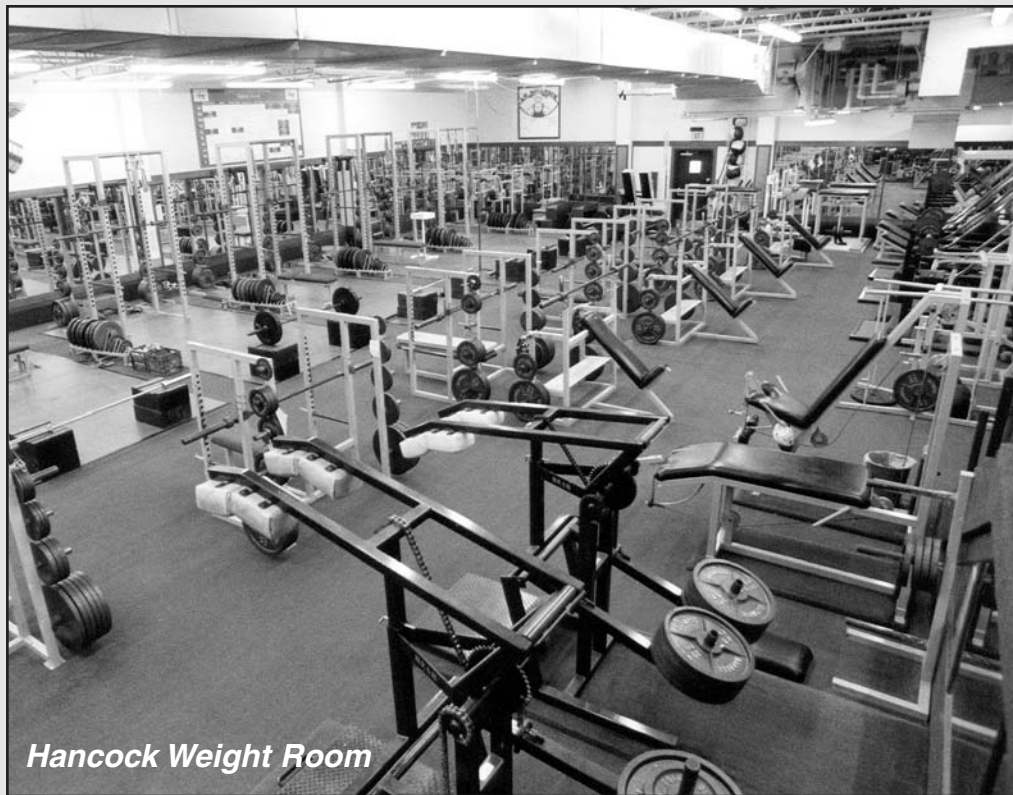
• For the second-straight year, Phillip Laurent was named to the VaSID first-team all-state baseball squad, while fellow teammates Michael Just and Chad Miller were named to the all-state second team.

• Pitcher Michael Solbach was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 48th round of the MLB Draft, marking the eighth-straight year that Liberty has had a baseball player selected in the MLB Draft.

• On January 23, former Senior Associate A.D. at South Carolina Jeff Barber was named Liberty's new Director of Athletics, becoming the 10th person in the history of the department to garner the title.

• For just the fourth time in school history, two student-athletes were recipients of the Mac Rivera/Rock Royer Award, which was established to honor the top senior student-athlete at Liberty University, as women's soccer player Sonia Roriguez and baseball player Phillip Thompson were last year's joint award winners.

Athletic Facilities



Hancock Weight Room

When looking at the success of an athletic program, one aspect that needs to be considered is the quality of its facilities. Student-athletes involved in Liberty University's athletic program have the opportunity to showcase their talents in a number of fine athletic facilities. Like the program itself, these on-campus facilities have improved tremendously since the program's inception in 1973.

The Hancock Athletic Center, dedicated on February 12, 1985, was donated by A.L. Williams and his wife, Angela, in honor of her parents, Sidney Lanier and Willemae Gates

Hancock. Offices housed in the Hancock Center include the entire football operations, the athletic media relations department, offices for the track and men's soccer coaching staffs and administrative offices. The Hancock Center also includes a spacious 8,500-square foot weight room that is utilized by the entire athletic program.

The weight room is furnished with the most modern equipment available for developing speed, strength and endurance. The spacious two-tiered facility has a free weight area that contains over 10 tons of weights.

High-tech machines crafted by the industry's top manufacturers, as well as other modern strength and conditioning apparatuses, are available to Liberty University student-athletes.

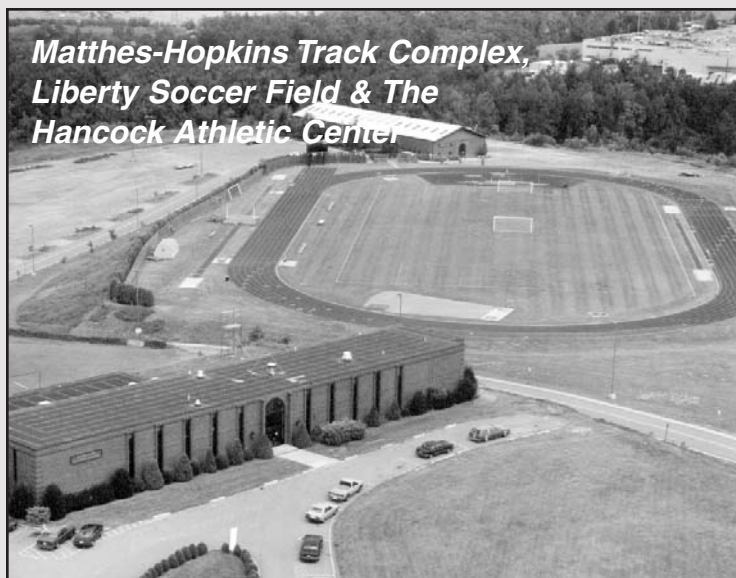
Williams Stadium, named in honor of A.L. Williams, is located near the entrance of the campus and has been the home of the football program since 1989. The football stadium seats 12,000 with expansion capabilities up to 36,000.

During the summer of 2006, a 60,000-square foot facility was completed in the North end zone of the stadium as the Williams Football Operation Center became the football program's new home off the field. The new, state-of-the-art facility gives Liberty one of the nicest I-AA football facilities in the nation, housing coaching and support staff offices, a spacious locker room, academic learning areas, a training room and a weight room. The centerpiece of the facility is a 3,000 square foot room that overlooks Williams Stadium where Flames Club members can watch home games.

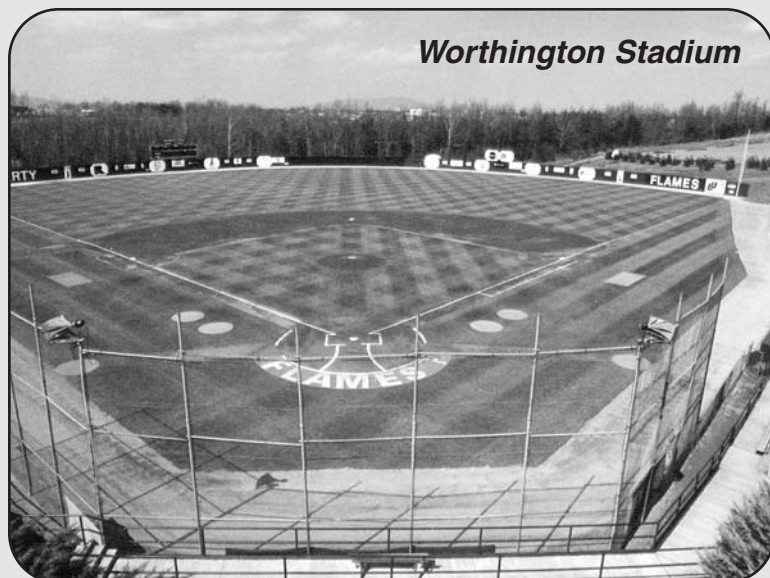
A final facility upgrade to Williams Stadium was completed just prior to the kick-off of the 2006 season as FieldTurf was installed.

The Vines Convocation Center, home to all men's and women's basketball and volleyball games, is a 9,000-seat facility which was completed in 1990. In 1998, the Vines Center hosted the 46th best home attendance in the nation as the women's basketball team averaged over 1,700 fans per contest.

Basketball, volleyball and a number of other indoor activities can take place in the versatile Schilling Center. The men's and women's basketball teams held their home games in what was then known as Liberty Gym in this facility from 1979 to 1990. The



**Matthes-Hopkins Track Complex,
Liberty Soccer Field & The
Hancock Athletic Center**



Worthington Stadium

Athletic Facilities



Williams Stadium



Schilling Center has two full-court areas that are also utilized for class instruction, intramural events and special activities. In 2005, the facility was upgraded to give Liberty's basketball programs two new practice courts.

Home baseball games are played at the beautiful Worthington Stadium. Recognized by *Sportsturf Magazine* as the best field in the nation in 1998, the facility was named in honor of Al Worthington, who began the Flames baseball program in 1974. He also served as the athletics director from 1984-89.

The Crowder-Muckel Fieldhouse is located adjacent to Worthington Stadium. The clubhouse, which is one of the finest baseball facilities in the country, includes locker rooms for both the Flames and the visiting teams, a team room, weight room, training room, umpires' locker room, public restrooms for the fans, sky box seating and full-length batting cages.

The Matthes-Hopkins Track Complex is the home of the Flames' successful track program. The track, which features a polyurethane surface, is named after former track coaches Jake Matthes and Ron Hopkins. The same facility holds the Liberty Soccer Field where both the men's and women's soccer teams play. In 1996, lights were added so that games could be played at night.

Liberty's tennis teams have been significantly enhanced by the recent addition of three new tennis courts at the Esbenschade-Hershey Match Center, bringing the total number of on-campus tennis courts to seven. The athletic department has recently renovated a facility in the center of the tennis courts to be used to further enhance the tennis program.

The Liberty softball program has played its home games at the Liberty Softball Field since 1994, the same year the program was

reinstated. Over the last two years, the facility has received numerous upgrades, including a new backstop and an enclosed hitting circuit with two new batting cages.

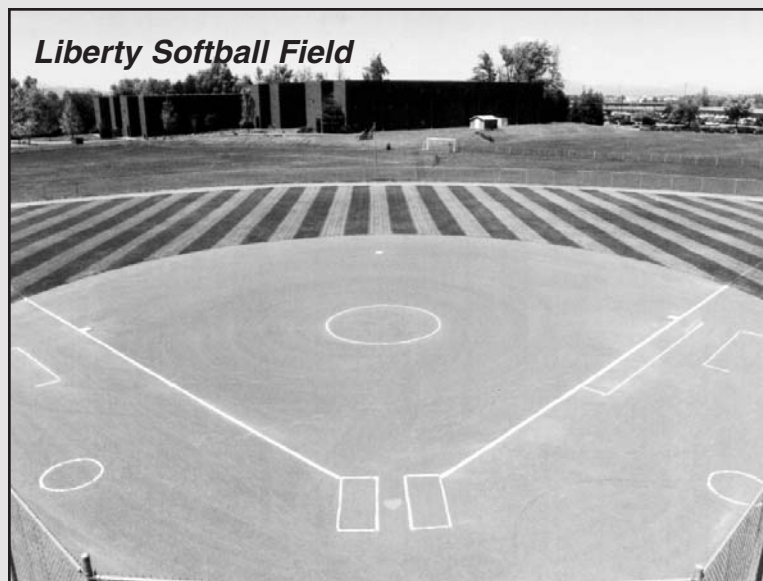
The newest athletic facility made available to Liberty University student-athletes is the Tolsma Indoor Track Center, located in the heart of Liberty's Campus North building. The indoor center is one of just three indoor track facilities in the state of Virginia and features a flat 200-meter oval with a Mondo surface. The track has a wide radius, a four-lane oval and an eight-lane straightaway. Also located in the complex are two long/triple jump runways, a pole vault runway and a high jump apron.

The recent purchase of a FinishLynx timing system will greatly increase the ability to host high-level high school and NCAA meets at the facility as well as at the university's outdoor track complex.

Tolsma Track Center



Liberty Softball Field



**Esbenschade-Hershey
Tennis Center**



Athletic Administration



Dr. Jerry Falwell
Chancellor

As Jerry Falwell proceeds through his fifth decade as a pastor, Christian educator and conservative activist, few realize how unlikely a candidate he was for the Christian ministry. His grandfather was a

self-avowed atheist and his father, a successful businessman, was an agnostic who hated preachers and also ran an illegal boot-leg whiskey operation during the Prohibition era. Falwell hated public speaking and went to college to study mechanical engineering and journalism.

Today, Jerry Falwell, 73, celebrates his 50th year as pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church and his 35th year as Chancellor of Liberty University. Utilizing broadcasting, direct mail and publishing, Falwell built a Christian broadcasting and education ministry that has impacted millions of people worldwide from an unlikely headquarters, his hometown of Lynchburg, Va.

The church started in 1956 with 35 charter members and is now one of the largest in the country, with 24,000 members. In 1971, four years after founding a Christian day school, Falwell opened the doors to Liberty University. Today, some 17,200 resident and external students from 50 states and 74 countries are now enrolled at Liberty, making it the largest evangelical Christian school in the world.

His public life has been highly publicized for many things – including the political movement known as the “religious right” and the Moral Majority; a U.S. Supreme Court case, debates with liberal politicians and theologians and crusading for various moral, social and political issues and causes.

Having raised more than \$3 billion and traveled some 2.5 million miles in support of various projects, a tireless Jerry Falwell continues to work and plan for the future. Among his highest priorities is raising a \$1 billion endowment for Liberty.

The chief fundraiser and recruiter for the school since its inception, Chancellor Falwell is determined to eliminate all debt and secure Liberty’s future well beyond his lifetime. He is also planning to build a new home for Thomas Road Baptist Church in a 12,000-seat sanctuary adjacent to the Liberty University campus.

For more than 30 years, Jerry Falwell has been telling students, “You don’t determine a man’s greatness by his talent or wealth, as the world does, but rather, by what it takes to discourage him.” While many things can be said of him, it cannot be said that Jerry Falwell has allowed controversy, criticism or adversity to discourage him.

However, despite his national prominence, those who know him well will always remember him simply as pastor. After all, that is his calling.



Dr. Ron Godwin
Executive Vice President/COO

Dr. Ronald Godwin serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Liberty University.

However, for a total of more than 15 years, Dr. Godwin has worked directly for the Chancellor of Liberty

University via many of Liberty’s affiliated ministries.

During a long administrative career he has held a variety of leadership positions including two presidencies of private Christian colleges, Executive Vice President of the Washington Times, Executive Vice President of the Moral Majority, President of Jerry Falwell Ministries, President of Liberty Broadcast network, President of Liberty University Foundation and more recently, Dean of the Helms School of Government and Senior Administrator of Residential Recruiting.

Dr. Godwin received his B.A. from Bob Jones University, his M.S. from Old Dominion University, and his Ph.D. in Post-Secondary Planning and Management from Florida State University.

Dr. Godwin and his wife, Carol Stanley Godwin, are members of Thomas Road Baptist Church and both serve on the board of the Liberty Godparent Home. They currently reside in Forest with Dr. Godwin’s 97 year old father, Mr. Jacob M. Godwin.



Jeff Barber
Director of Athletics

Jeff Barber was named the Director of Athletics at Liberty University on January 23, 2006, becoming the 10th Director of Athletics in the history of the University.

The University has charged Barber with the future leadership of the athletics department and the building of a strong financial basis for the department that will guide Liberty University athletics into the ranks of the elite NCAA Division I athletic programs in the nation.

Barber has wasted little time making an impact at Liberty as, in just seven months, he has been instrumental in several key programs that have improved Liberty’s functionality, including numerous athletic facility upgrades and the addition of athletics department staff members.

During the summer months, Barber spearheaded athletic facility upgrades to the Vines Center with the resurfacing of the court and surrounding areas, while also making it possible to resurface the original flooring in the upper part of the Hancock Athletic Center weight room.

At Williams Stadium, Barber was able to initiate a program that has given the football home of the Flames a new playing surface with the installation of new FieldTurf at the stadium and numerous smaller projects to aesthetically improve the appearance of the facility.

However, Barber’s chief facility accomplishment since joining the Flames in February was prodding along the completion of the Williams Football Operation Center, the new 60,000-square foot state-of-the-art home base for the football program.

In addition to Barber’s athletic facility achievements, the new Director of Athletics has spurred a dramatic increase in Flames Club memberships and season ticket sales for football. Membership collections for the Flames Club reached the \$100,000 level early in the summer of 2006, the quickest in the organization’s history, while football season ticket sales more than doubled the 2005 total sales.

Barber brought a wealth of experience in the areas of athletic fundraising and administration to

Liberty University, including 25 years in the athletic industry.

Barber came to Liberty after spending 11 years at South Carolina, including his last three years as Senior Associate Athletic Director for Development/Gamecock Club Executive Director.

Barber served on the senior management team at South Carolina for nine years, helping raise more than \$14 million annually, while working closely with legendary football coaches Lou Holtz and Steve Spurrier

Barber supervised the solicitation and receipt of over \$85 million during his tenure at South Carolina, setting records each year in annual gifts to the Gamecock Club, which was at 16,500 members when he finished. He was also responsible for all major gifts to the Gamecock Club that exceeded \$15,000 annually and developed that level of giving from 21 members to 137 at his time of departure.

Barber joined the athletics department at South Carolina in 1996 as an Assistant Athletic Director for Development and was promoted to Associate Athletic Director/Gamecock Club Executive Director in 1999.

Prior to his days at South Carolina, Barber served five years at Furman in Greenville, S.C., starting as Executive Director of the Paladin Club in 1991 before being promoted to Senior Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs in 1994.

While at Furman, Barber was responsible for the collection of \$14 million in revenue from annual giving, capital gifts and endowed gifts, while guiding the Paladin Club to gifts totaling \$3.75 million with records set for five-consecutive years. He was also the chairman of the Furman Pro-Am Golf Endowment Tournament totaling receipts of \$6.5 million.

Barber got his start in collegiate athletic administration at his alma mater as the Assistant Director of East Carolina’s Pirate Club in 1987. While serving four years with the Pirates, Barber participated in the receipt of annual giving of \$4 million to the Pirate Club, while organizing and managing Pirate Club actions and Pirate Pro-Am fundraisers.

Before joining the staff at East Carolina, Barber served three years in major and minor league baseball as he was the Assistant General Manager of the Columbia Mets in Columbia, S.C. (1985-86) and Director of Operations for the Montreal Expos Spring Training Camp in West Palm Beach, Fla. (1986-87).

After graduating from East Carolina, Barber served as a health and physical education teacher in Columbia, S.C. for four years (1981-85), while coaching football and basketball.

Barber graduated from cum laude at East Carolina in 1981 with a bachelor of science degree in health, physical education and recreation. In 1997, he continued his education with a degree from the Sports Management Institute, graduating as class spokesman.

Barber, a native of Greenville, N.C., is married to the former Donna Dacus and the couple has three children – Katie (11), Lindsay (9) and Jay (8).

Athletic Administration



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Associate Athletics
Director-Internal
Operations



Meredith Hollyfield
Associate Athletics
Director for
Compliance/Senior
Women's Administrator



Kristie Beitz
Associate Athletics
Director for Academic
Service



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Representative



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Assistant Athletics
Director-External
Operations



Bob Good
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Ticket Office Manager



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Assistant Athletic Director
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Relations



Chris Casola
Head Athletic Trainer



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Director of Athletics
Facilities



Jeff Alder
Men's Soccer Coach



Jesse Castro
Wrestling Coach



Stefanie Copp
Cheerleading Coach



Randy Dunton
Men's Basketball Coach



Carey Green
Women's Basketball
Coach



Chris Johnson
Men's and Women's
Tennis Coach



Shane Pinder
Volleyball
Coach



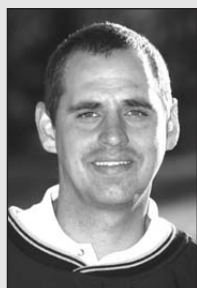
James Price
Women's Soccer Coach



Danny Rocco
Football Coach



Matt Royer
Baseball Coach



Jeff Thomas
Golf Coach



Brant Tolsma
Track and Cross
Country Coach



Paul Wetmore
Softball Coach

Vines Center



In November 1990, Liberty University moved into its new basketball home - The Vines Center. The facility annually hosts the Super Conference and has also played host to the Harlem Globetrotters, National Basketball Association exhibition games, the Big South Basketball Tournament and high school basketball tournaments. Graduation, convocation and concerts are also held at the Vines Center on a regular basis.

A major contributor donated the money in 1989 for Liberty to start construction on the 10,000-seat special events/basketball arena on Liberty Mountain. Seating for basketball is 9,000. The project was undertaken by McDevitt & Street Contractors of Raleigh, N.C., with the architectural work being completed by Haken/Corley and Associates, also of Raleigh.

McDevitt & Street is no stranger to Liberty University. The contractors completed Liberty's 12,000-seat football stadium in the fall of 1989, and have built the Dean E. Smith Center in Chapel Hill, N.C., the Diamond (baseball park) in Richmond, Va., Atlanta's Fulton County Stadium and the minor league baseball facility in Durham, N.C., where the Durham Bulls play.

The Vines Center includes an attractive silver dome roof similar to what Baylor University has on its arena in Waco, Texas. Also included in the Vines Center are four concession areas, basketball coaches offices, locker and team room facilities, a weight room, a training room, a hospitality room and a press room. The facility is one of the largest on-campus basketball arenas in the state of Virginia.

During the 1996-97 season, a season-record attendance ranked in the top 100 of the nation, marking the first time in the school's or conference's history that a member institution's home basketball attendance ranked in the top 100 nationally.

The Big South Conference Tournament was held in the Vines Center from 1995-98, with the Lynchburg community showing unbelievable support during the tournament's four-year tenure. The men's tournament was played in Lynchburg the first two years, and then it was a

combined men's and women's tournament the final two years.

During the last two years Liberty hosted the tournament, the combined men's and women's basketball tournament saw over 7,000 fans attend the men's tournament daily, including a record crowd of 8,343 for the semifinal round. A record attendance of over 4,400 fans watched the women's tournament and a single-game record of over 2,300 turned out for the championship game.

The final year, over 5,300 attended the men's tournament daily, including a semifinal crowd of 6,655. The men's attendance figures ranked third among NCAA Division I-AA conference tournament attendance numbers and 11th among all Division I conferences. The women's tournament produced more record crowds, with 4,921 attending the semifinal round and a record-shattering 5,041 taking in the championship tilt.

Arena Quick Facts

Name: The Vines Convocation Center
Site: Next to the DeMoss Center in the middle of the Liberty University campus
Capacity: 9,000 for basketball and 10,000 for special events
Construction: The main portion of the building is constructed of steel and concrete, and the roof is constructed with 10-foot triangular aluminum sections that are pieced together by Temcor, a roofing company out of Torrence, Calif.
Contractor: McDevitt & Street of Raleigh, N.C.
Architect: Haken/Corley and Associates of Raleigh, N.C.
Date of Completion: November, 1990
Facilities: The Vines Convocation Center includes four concession stands, basketball coaches offices, locker and team room facilities, a weight room, a training room, a hospitality room and press room
Playing Surface: The basketball court is a hardwood surface

The Big South Championship returned to the Liberty University in 2003 as the Vines Center hosted the semifinals and the championship games for both the men's and women's championships after the quarterfinals were played as the home sites of the higher-seeded team under the conference's new tournament format.

In 2004, the Big South Conference experimented with the format of the Big South Championship again as it allowed the higher-seeded team to host each round of the tournament and Liberty hosted a quarterfinal, semifinal and both championship games and saw the largest attendance in a men's championship game with 8,515 screaming fans watching the Flames down High Point in a national televised championship game on ESPN.

Vines Center Single Game Men's Basketball Attendance Records

Attendance	Date	W-L	Result
9,003	1/23/97	L	LU 47, Virginia Tech 59
8,650	2/24/92	L	LU 70, Virginia Tech 73
8,547	1/28/95	L	LU 70, Virginia Tech 101
8,515	3/6/04	W	LU 89, High Point 44 *
8,343	2/28/97	W	LU 85, Radford 73 *
8,287	3/1/96	W	LU 73, UNC Asheville 60 *
8,173	3/2/96	L	LU 53, UNC Greensboro 79 *
8,157	2/29/96	W	LU 74, UMBC 52
8,126	3/7/03	L	LU 52, Radford 55 *
8,014	1/26/94	W	LU 75, Radford 73

* - Big South Tournament Game

Attendance and Results in Vines Center

Season	Games	Attendance	Average	Results	Pct.
1991	11	30,535	2,776	3-8	.375
1992	15	46,649	3,110	14-1	.933
1993	13	37,345	2,873	10-3	.769
1994	13	44,766	3,444	10-3	.769
1995	15	60,653	4,044	9-6	.600
1996	15	75,883	5,059	12-3	.800
1997	16	85,674	5,355	12-4	.750
1998	14	48,372	3,455	6-8	.429
1999	13	27,051	2,081	4-9	.308
2000	14	47,754	3,411	10-4	.714
2001	13	33,901	2,608	9-4	.692
2002	13	21,557	1,658	4-9	.308
2003	16	44,027	2,752	11-5	.688
2004	15	62,287	4,152	13-2	.867
2005	13	42,763	3,289	8-5	.615
2006	13	23,183	1,783	6-7	.462
Totals	222	709,217	3,195	141-81	.635

Attendance Records



Attendance Records

Season	Total	Home	Away
1979	*10,327	10,327	*****
1980	*17,198	17,198 (20)	*****
1981	28,828	9,607 (13)	19,221 (11)
1982	22,808	13,765 (14)	9,043 (11)
1983	61,780	31,047 (20)	30,733 (12)
1984	36,171	25,826 (15)	10,345 (14)
1985	36,314	24,747 (16)	11,567 (13)
1986	+39,734	32,642 (16)	7,092 (12)
1987	44,682	31,770 (15)	12,912 (14)
1988	45,247	38,050 (17)	7,197 (11)
1989	73,217	38,630 (13)	34,197 (14)
1990	52,792	31,935 (14)	20,857 (14)
1991	59,890	30,535 (11)	29,355 (17)
1992	68,801	46,649 (15)	22,152 (12)
1993	67,143	37,345 (13)	29,798 (17)
1994	103,110	44,766 (13)	58,344 (17)
1995	100,816	60,653 (15)	40,163 (13)
1996	111,822	75,883 (15)	35,939 (14)
1997	126,779	85,674 (16)	35,315 (16)
1998	89,238	48,372 (14)	40,866 (14)
1999	57,180	27,051 (13)	30,129 (14)
2000	85,224	47,754 (14)	34,344 (13)
2001	62,011	33,901 (13)	23,485 (13)
2002	44,660	21,557 (13)	21,306 (14)
2003	84,254	44,027 (16)	40,227 (13)
2004	155,189	62,287 (15)	43,704 (13)
2005	94,392	42,763 (13)	51,629 (15)
2006	72,908	23,183 (13)	49,160 (14)

* - Figures for away attendance are not available. Averages based on home game dates only.

+ - No figures for one home and two away games.

() - Number of games

All Games

Largest Crowd: 22,717 vs. Kentucky /Rupp Arena/Lexington, Ky. 11/25/05

Largest Crowd To See A Flames Victory: 8,515 vs. High Point, 3/6/04

Largest Crowd To See A Flames Defeat: 22,717 vs. Kentucky /Rupp Arena/Lexington, Ky. 11/25/05

Highest Average: 4,703 during the 2004 season

Home Games

Largest Crowd: 9,003 vs. Virginia Tech, 1/23/97

Largest Crowd To See A Flames Victory: 8,515 vs. High Point, 3/6/04

Largest Crowd To See A Flames Defeat: 9,003 vs. Virginia Tech, 1/23/97

Highest Average: 5,355 during the 1997 season

Away Games

Largest Crowds: 22,717 at Kentucky /Rupp Arena/Lexington, Ky. 11/25/05

Largest Crowd To See A Flames Victory: 6,898 vs. Wisc. Stevens Point, 3/16/83

Largest Crowd To See A Flames Defeat: 22,717 at Kentucky /Rupp Arena/Lexington, Ky. 11/25/05

Highest Average: 3,511 during the 2006 season

Top 10 Games - Attendance

- 22,717 vs. Kentucky /Rupp Arena/Lexington, Ky. 11/25/05
- 19,718 vs. North Carolina in USAir Arena/Landover, Md., 3/18/94
- 17,950 vs. Maryland in College Park, Md., 12/28/04
- 13,300 vs. Missouri in Columbia, Mo., 12/19/94
- 13,106 vs. Providence in Providence, R.I., 12/29/90
- 10,182 vs. Fresno State in Selland Arena/Fresno, Calif., 11/30/96
- 9,573 vs. Chaminade in Kemper Arena/Kansas City, Mo., 3/17/83
- 9,003 vs. Virginia Tech in Lynchburg, Va., 1/23/97
- 8,650 vs. Virginia Tech in Lynchburg, Va., 2/24/92
- 8,547 vs. Virginia Tech in Lynchburg, Va., 1/28/95

Flames In The Pros

Jason Dixon

Peter Aluma

Mike Coleman

Gabe Martin

Julius Nwosu

Brian Woodson

Leo Lightbourne

Flames in the Pros

Name, Position Team/League	(Years at LU) Years
Peter Aluma	(1994-97)
Toros De Aragua (Argentina)	1998
Sacramento Kings (NBA)	1999
Gomel (Belarus)	1999
Phoenix Suns (NBA)	2000
Mike Coleman	(1989-92)
Pro League in Spain	1993-94-95
Cantebury Rams (New Zealand)	1996-97
Pro League in Croatia	1998
Brotnjo Citluk (Bosnia)	1999-2000
Nathan Day	(1999-2001)
Pro League in Lithuania	2001
Jason Dixon	(1994-95)
Antbirlik Fevzi (Turkey)	1996
Hapoel Galil Elyon (Israel)	1997
Karsiyaka (Turkey)	1998
Pro League in Argentina	1998
Guangdong (China)	1999
Beijing (China)	2000
Huntsville (NBDL)	2002
As Sadd (China)	2004
Guandong (China)	2005
Guandong (China)	2006
Delawn Grandison	(1999-2000)
Pro League in Turkey	2001
Parrish Hickman	(1993)
Pro League in Turkey	1994-95
Pro League in Hong Kong	1996
Pro League in Puerto Rico	1997
The Sporting Club (Lebanon)	1998-99
Arecibo (Puerto Rico)	2000
Ezra Hill	(1977 & 84)
Phoenix Suns (NBA - drafted 10th round)	1985
Leo Lightbourne	(2004-05)
Aguauda (Portugal)	2005
Aguauda (Portugal)	2006
Gabe Martin	(2003-04)
Santarem Basket (Portugal)	2005
Santarem Basket (Portugal)	2006
Julius Nwosu	(1991-93)
Carceres CB (Spain)	1994
San Antonio Spurs (NBA)	1995
Pro League in Russia	1996
Boston Celtics (NBA)	1997
Pro Team in Greece	1997-98
Galatasaray (First-Division Turkey)	1998
Saratou (Russia)	1999
Utah Jazz (NBA)	2000
Isuzu Giga (Japan)	2001
EB Pau-Orthez (France)	2001
Sporting (Lebanon)	2002-04
EB Pau-Orthez (France)	2005
CSU Ploiesti (Romania)	2006
Al Jalaa Alep (Syria)	2006
Maurice Watkins	(2000-2001)
Pro League in Lithuania	2001
Cliff Webber	(1982-85)
Boston Celtics (NBA - drafted 4th round)	1985
Carl Williams	(2000)
Pro Team in Greece	2001
Darryl Williams	(1993-94)
Paquis Sevjet (Switzerland)	1995
Long Island Rangers (USBL)	1996
Brian Woodson	(2004-05)
Aguauda (Portugal)	2005

Flames Spirit



The Nickname

The Liberty University athletic teams are nicknamed the Flames and have been since 1974. For seven years, no other team claimed this unique distinction. However, in the spring of 1982, the University of Illinois at Chicago had a student body election and voted in the Flames through a write-in campaign. Their choice is based upon the fact that the Chicago fire started only three blocks from the campus.

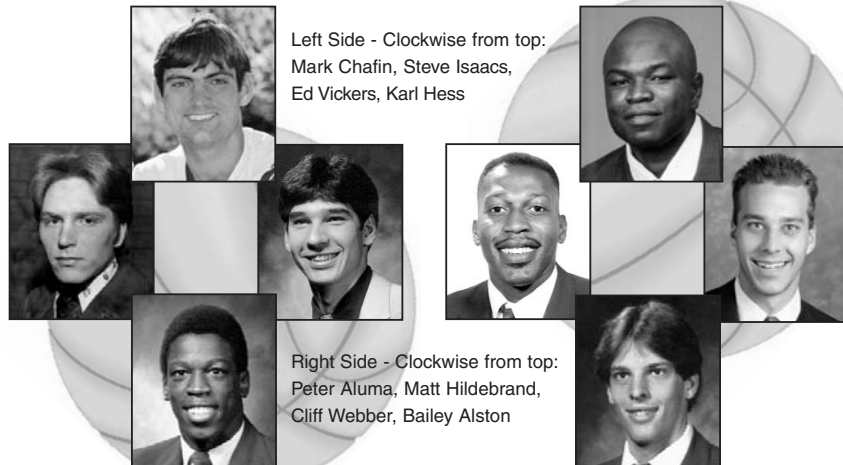
The student body also made the choice for Liberty in 1974 when they choose the Flames over several other choices. The decision was based upon the school's motto, "Knowledge Aflame."

Liberty began in 1971 as Lynchburg Baptist College with green and gold as the school's colors. In 1976, the name was changed to Liberty Baptist and the colors to red, white and blue. The school once again changed its name in 1985 to Liberty University. Throughout these changes, Flames remained as the nickname for Liberty's athletic teams.

In 1980, the Eagle was designated as the new Flames mascot. An Eagle was selected because of the patriotic symbolism and connection with the school name - Liberty. It was designed with the Flames' nickname in mind. Thus, the flaming torch clutched in the Eagle's left talon was included with the original mascot renderings.



All-Time Honor Roll



Left Side - Clockwise from top:
Mark Chafin, Steve Isaacs,
Ed Vickers, Karl Hess

Right Side - Clockwise from top:
Peter Aluma, Matt Hildebrand,
Cliff Webber, Bailey Alston

All-Americans

First Team

Karl Hess: 1980 NCCAA (G)

Second Team

Mike Goad: 1975 NCCAA (F)

Steve Isaacs: 1983 NAIA (C)

Third Team

Cliff Webber: 1985 Basketball Times - NCAA II (C)

Honorable Mention

Mark Chafin: 1978 NCCAA (G)

Willard DeShazor: 1976 NCCAA (F)

Steve Isaacs: 1982 NAIA (C)

Ed Vickers: 1980 NCCAA (F)

GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America

First Team

Karl Hess: 1980 NCCAA College Division (G)

National All-Tournament Team

Karl Hess: 1980 NCCAA (MVP)

Ed Vickers: 1980 NCCAA

All-Region National Association of Basketball Coaches

College Division

Bailey Alston: 1988

Greg McCauley: 1982

Mike Minett: 1986

University Division

Second Team

Peter Aluma: 1997

Third Team

Bailey Alston: 1990

All-District NCCAA

Mark Chafin: 1975-76-77

Mike Goad: 1974-75

Karl Hess: 1980

Ed Vickers: 1980

NAIA District 19

Steve Isaacs: 1981-82

Greg McCauley: 1982

Mark Swift: 1981

Coach of the Year

Jeff Meyer: 1982

NAIA District 29

Kenny Gunn: 1983

Steve Isaacs: 1983

VASID All-State College Division

First Team

Bailey Alston: 1988

Eric Gordon: 1984

Steve Isaacs: 1983

Mike Minett: 1986

University Division

First Team

Peter Aluma: 1996-97

Larry Blair: 2006

Second Team

Larry Blair: 2005

David Dees: 2005

Matt Hildebrand: 1994

Julius Nwosu: 1992

Coach of the Year

Jeff Meyer: 1992

Richmond Times All-State

Peter Aluma: 1996-97

Big South All-Conference

First Team

Peter Aluma: 1996-97

Larry Blair: 2005-06

David Dees: 2005

Matt Hildebrand: 1994

Larry Jackson: 1998

Gabe Martin: 2003-04

Julius Nwosu: 1992-93

Second Team

Peter Aluma: 1995

Larry Blair: 2004

Chris Caldwell: 2001-02

Nathan Day: 2001

Jason Dixon: 1995

Keith Ferguson: 1992

Delawn Grandison: 1999

Parish Hickman: 1993

Larry Jackson: 1996

Leo Lightbourne: 2005

Marcus White: 1997

Carl Williams: 2000

All-Rookie Team

Peter Aluma: 1994

Jamaal Bennett: 1999

Larry Blair: 2004

Chris Caldwell: 1999

David Dees: 2004

Larry Jackson: 1995

Jeremy Monceaux: 2003

Anthony Smith: 2006

Marcus White: 1996

All-Tournament

Peter Aluma: 1994-96-97

Larry Blair: 2004

Larry Jackson: 1997

Gabe Martin: 2004

Marcus White: 1996

Darryl Williams: 1994

Big South Rookie Of The Year

Larry Blair: 2004

Big South Tournament MVP

Peter Aluma: 1994-97

Mason-Dixon All-Conference

First Team

Bailey Alston: 1988

Eric Gordon: 1984

Mike Minett: 1986

Cliff Webber: 1985

Second Team

Brad Hamersley: 1987-98

Rodney Harrison: 1987

Dan Kennard: 1986

Greg McCauley: 1985

Mike Minett: 1987

Cliff Webber: 1984

All-Tournament

Bailey Alston, 1988

Eric Gordon, 1984

Mike Minett, 1987

Cliff Webber, 1985

Player of the Year

Bailey Alston, 1988

Cliff Webber, 1985

Coach of the Year

Jeff Meyer, 1985

